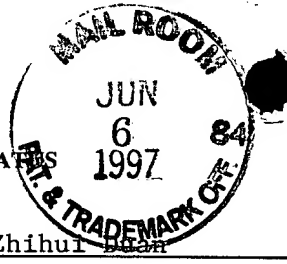


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**VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(d))-NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**

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Filed or Issued: April 3, 1997
Title: LASER-INDUCED CUTTING OF METAL INTERCONNECT

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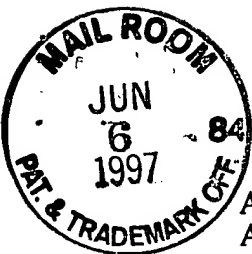
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For: Laser-Induced Cutting of Metal Interconnect

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
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